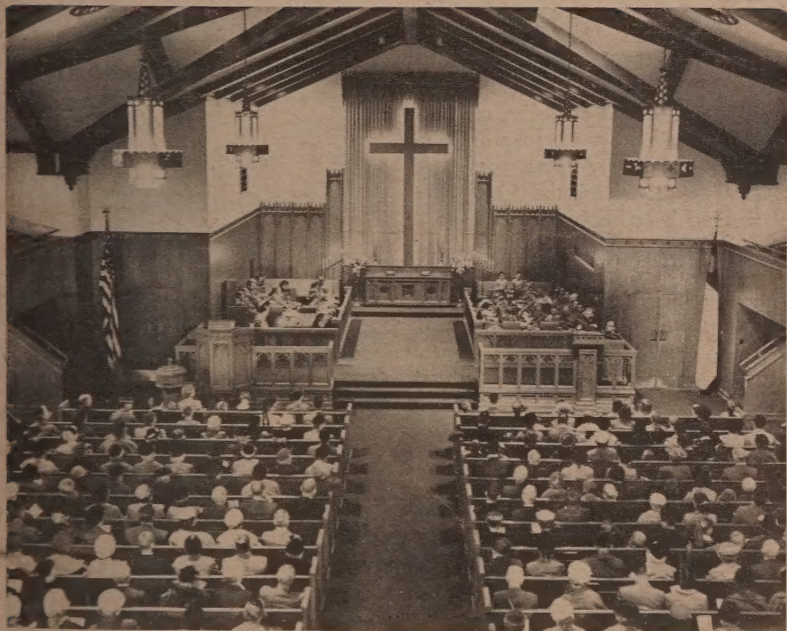
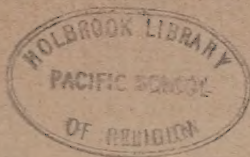


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## In Memory

**Mrs. Mary Hughes**, wife of the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes, former minister at Lawrence and Prairie Village, died November 22 at Sioux City, Iowa where they have served the First Congregational Church since 1955.

**Mrs. Carrie Trickey**, wife of the Rev. Reuben Trickey, former minister at Kansas City Welborn, died on December 13 following a stroke. Since leaving Welborn in August, 1956, the Trickey's have served the Congregational Church at Whiting, Iowa.

**Will K. Jones**, outstanding layman of Fairmount Church where he served as Church School Superintendent for more than twenty years, passed away in Wichita, November 20. He was the father of Gordon and Warren Jones of Wichita and Mrs. Ed Reidell of Phoenix, Arizona.

### Important Dates

- Jan. 13—Pilgrim Fellowship Leaders Meeting-Conference Office
- Jan. 15—Campus Ministry Committee Conference Office
- Jan. 19—Installation Service for the Rev. Edward Brantz at Great Bend
- Jan. 20—Meeting of Christian Education and Family Life Committee-Conference Office
- Jan. 23-20—National Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
- Jan. 26-Feb. 2—Youth Week
- Feb. 2—Conference Program Committee Meeting with Rev. Ned Burr McKenney. Chairman—Central Church, Topeka
- Feb. 3 & 4—Conference Board of Trustees.
- Feb. 10, 11 & 12—Ministers' Convocation
- Feb. 16-23—Brotherhood Week

- Feb. 19—Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 21—World Day of Prayer
- March 16—One Great Hour of Sharing
- April 6—Easter Sunday
- April 25, 26, 27—State Conference at Topeka Central
- May 25-31—Wa-Shun-Ga Jr. Hi Camp
- June 1-7—Wa-Shun-Ga Sr. Hi Camp
- June 8-14—Wa-Shun-Ga Sr. Hi Camp
- June 15-21—Wa-Shun-Ga Jr. Hi Camp
- June 20-27—National Pilgrim Fellowship Council at Union Seminary, N. Y. City
- June 24-30—General Council in Boston
- July 2-10—International Congregational Council in Hartford.
- July 27-Aug. 2—Kansas Family Camp at Estes Park
- August 19-22—National Christian Education Conference at Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana

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### Lost

A Book Kit which was being circulated in Southern Association. Anyone knowing of its whereabouts, please notify the Conference Office.

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### Ministers' Convocation

This year the Convocation will begin on Monday, February 10 with Chaplain Dan Tyson leading in worship at the lovely new chapel in Central Church at 9:15 A.M. On Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 10:50, Clyde Holbrook of Oberlin College, who is reputed to be the best youth speaker in Ohio, will speak in MacVicar Chapel on the Washburn Campus. The theme this year will have to do with mental health. The first morning speaker at 11 A.M., will be Chaplain Thomas W. Klink of the State Hospital.

On the second morning, Dr. Frank V. Smith, Jr., Assistant Director of Division of Institutional Management for the State of Kansas, will bring us the latest available resources for the care and treatment of the mentally ill.

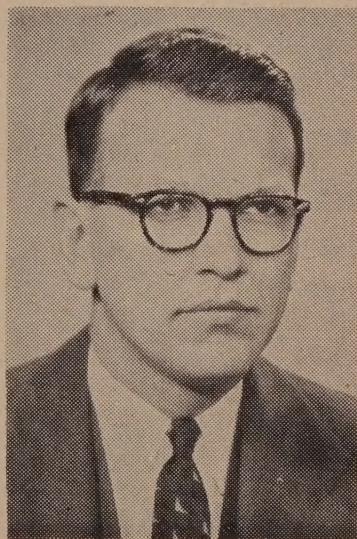
On the third morning we will hear Dr. Mark Abernathy at the Menninger

Foundation. In each case there will be time for discussion.

Afternoon programs will feature the Washburn lecturer, table talks on counselling and conference concerns. The first evening will include a dinner at Seabrook Church with Professor Oldfather, a folk song specialist from Lawrence, as after dinner entertainer. The second evening at Central Church Dr. Ned Burr McKinney has been asked to speak on "How We Did It".

Each year the theme of the convocation varies—this year's theme on mental health is one of the fast-growing areas of the clergyman's concern.

New men in the state attending the Kansas Ministers' Convocation for the first time, report that they get better acquainted with their fellow ministers in these three days than they otherwise would in three years. As has been the pattern for the past 18 years, some 25 out-of-town ministers will be housed at the MacVicar State parsonage.



Chaplain Thomas W. Klink



**Frank V. Smith, M.D.**  
Convocation Guest

### **Dedication Service**

Formal dedication of the newly remodeled plant at Central Congregational Church in Topeka was held the week of January 5-12.

At the sanctuary dedication service on Sunday morning, January 5, the Rev. Fred Hoskins, D.D., of New York, Minister of the General Council, spoke on "God's Design". In the afternoon, Dr. Bryan S. Stoffer, president of Washburn University spoke at a service of Holy Communion.

On Tuesday evening, January 7, an organ recital presented by Margaret Rickard, Professor of Organ at Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska, was followed by a reception.

Speaker at the Dedication Dinner on Wednesday evening, January 8, was the Rev. Allen Wehrli, Professor of Old Testament at Eden Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dale Turner of Lawrence was guest speaker at a Youth Service of Appreciation held in the Sargent Memorial Chapel on Jan. 12. At two

services of Morning Worship on January 12, the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, Minister at Central, spoke on "We Have This Ministry".

### **To Wichita Plymouth**

The Rev. Robert J. Herman, for the past eleven years Minister of Christian Education and Music at St. Paul's E & R Church in Belleville, Illinois, has accepted a call to become Minister of Christian Education at Plymouth Church, Wichita, beginning February first.

Mr. Herman is a graduate in public school music and holds an A.B. degree from McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., and a B.D. degree from Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri. He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1946. He is 36 years of age and unmarried. At Plymouth, Mr. Herman will be in charge of the Christian Education program and will supervise the youth activities.



**Rev. Robert J. Herman**

KEEPING  
THE  
CHRISTMAS  
GLOW



Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Dull

**Golden Wedding**

The glow of Christmas was enhanced by the radiance of 50 years of happy married life when more than 200 friends and members of Seaman Community Church in Topeka attended Open House on Sunday, December 29, honoring Wilbert and Mattie Dull. The Dull's have ministered to Seaman Church since 1928, thirty years this coming May. Other pastorates in Kansas included Powhattan, 1 year; Garfield, more than seven years and Lenora more than eleven years. The Dull's were married on December 26, 1907. To these faithful servants who have ministered to Kansas churches for almost fifty years, we bespeak sincere good wishes from the whole Kansas fellowship.

**The Floyd Davidson's**, formerly of Kansas send greetings from the Congregational parsonage in Oskaloosa, Iowa. They boast twelve grandchildren with George Davidson of Oregon leading with 6 children, John D., of Newton, 2 and Forrest of Manhattan, 4.

**Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Meador** of Stockton rejoiced in the graduation of their only child, June, from Doane College, last spring. She is teaching this year at Liberty, Nebraska while her mother continues to teach first graders—24 of them—at Stockton.

**Roscoe and Myrtle Graves** of Emporia announce the arrival of their seventh grandchild as Mike joined brothers Kim and Tim in the home of their son Charles. Their daughter, Helen Romig has four girls.

**Mr. and Mrs. Page Twiss** (Nancy Hubbard) send greetings from Austin, Texas where Page is in school and the signature includes Stephen Twiss who joined their family circle this past year.

**The Jce King's**, formerly of Lawrence Plymouth, now in their 16th year at Oberlin, Ohio write: "As years go, we mark less the outward happenings and more the inward participations and reactions."

**Rosemarian (Bobbie) and Dick Zoppel** of San Leandro, Cal., announce the arrival of Carol Ann, born November 30. Martha, now seven is in second grade, Christina is in kindergarten and Mark is 3½.



**The Max Thomas Family,** (Pic-  
tured above), Max, Carol, Max Jr.,  
and Bruce, had a busy and exciting  
holiday season in their home and at  
First Church, Topeka where Max is  
Director of Religious Education.

### "Watchers Of The Sky"

by Guy Gebhardt

It seems that man has conquered space  
And hurled his satellites afar  
Consumed is he in this mad race  
To bring world peace through power.  
The Wise Men scanned the sky for a  
star

To lead them on to Bethlehem  
The shepherds heard the angel choir  
Sing "Peace on Earth Good Will to  
Men."

We modern watchers of the sky  
Failing to see the Holy Light  
As we search with fear the heavens high  
See only the whirling satellite.  
We teach our youth in this dread hour  
Through Christian pulpit, school and  
state

That peace will come to earth through  
power

And train them to retaliate.  
But men of faith through all the years  
Who work and pray that war shall  
cease

Still heed the message of the Stars  
That love and righteousness bring  
peace.

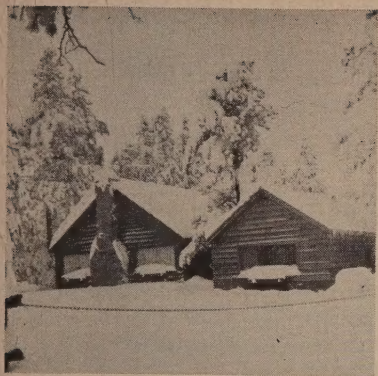
**Arthur And Ellen Taylor,** former-  
ly of Hutchinson and for the past 13  
years leaders of the Nebraska Confer-  
ence office are excited about their new  
work in the Congregational church at  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

**Dan And Fairy Tyson** of the  
Smith Center parsonage report Dan's  
ordination in February and the arrival  
of another son—Paul—in September  
as highlights of 1957. Others in the  
family are Noel, 8, Hugh, 6 and Eric,  
4.

**Rev. Samuel Lepage,** formerly of  
Stockton writes: "We are still hos-  
pitalized—Rosette in her 5th year and  
I in my second, but we are still prais-  
ing God and regretting that we did not  
make better use of the opportunities  
that were ours while we were able".  
Why not drop them a cheery line at—  
Becks Heim, Reading, Penn.

**The Ed Bagley** youngsters of Man-  
hattan, (pictured below) sing the  
Christmas story and we appreciate be-  
ing included among their friends.





Garvey's Cottages In Colorado

As summer cottages weather snow  
To welcome a glorious spring,  
And sunshine bows its head to rain  
So showers may flowers bring,  
As chilling, gusty, whirling winds  
Wrap warm garments tighter,  
So may every shadow in fifty-eight  
Make your blessings brighter.

—Olive and Ray Garvey

**Rev. Robert Jahns**, formerly of Tonganoxie writes from San Diego, Cal., where he is Minister of Youth at the Kensington Congregational Church. In this church of 900 members he supervises Junior and Senior High Fellowship groups, directs Junior and Senior High Choirs and conducts Youth Church each Sunday.

**The George Fisk's** of Rapid City, S. D., formerly of Wichita Fairmount, report their children securely transplanted into excellent schools—Marcia, 7th grade, Jonnie, 5th, Cindy, 2nd., and Molly, kindergarten. Their church building has been sold and they are worshipping in a mortuary chapel, looking toward the building of a new house of worship.

**The Charles Brewster's** of Yankton, S. D., formerly of Manhattan, re-

tured from vacation in the east this summer to a beautifully redecorated sanctuary. Debbie is in her last year at Union Seminary and will graduate in June with a degree in Religious Education. John is in his Junior year in Electrical Engineering at Yale.

**Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Howell**, outstanding lay people of Wichita Fairmount, moved to Denver in December and will be greatly missed at Fairmount and in the larger fellowship.

**The James McKeeman's** who served Lenora and Milford and then bought their retirement home in Emporia, are serving an interim pastorate at Albion, Nebraska.

**Chaplain and Mrs. Glenn Witherspoon**, formerly of KC Welborn, Sabetha and McPherson, will retire in June 1958. Colonel Witherspoon has been in military service since 1940.

**The Harald Wisegarver's** send greetings from Taunton, Mass., where Harald serves the Congregational Church. His schooling at Hartford Seminary was interrupted this semester due to Pam's broken leg which required her to be transported to and from school. She is walking again and Harald will enroll in Seminary next semester.

**Dave Cutting** of Lenora, now in his last semester at Doane, plans to start work with the Congregational Service Committee in N. Y., the middle of February, helping with the Work Camp program. He will enter seminary next fall. In his Christmas letter he writes: "It is a heart-breaking thing to think that our supposedly Christian nation is trying to catch up with another nation, not in programs of Christian love and concern, but in building of more brutal instruments of hate! It isn't much of a Christmas present for the 'Prince of Peace.' "

## Telling The Story

Have you ever wished for just the right program to make missionary work come alive for all the people in your church? The Winter 1958 All-Church Project does just that, and best of all is based on the study theme for the year, JAPAN. The church school, missionary committee, Women's Fellowship, Laymen's group, Youth groups, official boards and the minister, can work together in preparing a program of how the Christian story is told in Japan. Menu, games, decorations and skits for the outline for the Family Night when the project is introduced. A giving plan can be presented and a dedication is suggested for Palm Sunday or the Sunday before. To help in this project, a packet of eighteen pieces of material is ready for your use. Send \$1.50 to Missions Council Research, 14 Beacon St., Room 508, Boston 8, Mass.

The Program Manual, Winter 1958, 40¢ from Pilgrim Press also has a complete outline for a possible program. Those using Pilgrim Series will find material for skits in the courses for Winter. Others will find more than enough material from the Packet and the Manual. Follow through on the giving project and send the gifts of money to the Conference office marked, "Telling the Story—Winter Project—Our Christian World Mission." This could well be one of the most rewarding experiences in your church year. Some special projects for Japan will be listed in the next issue of Tomorrow.

### 1958 V.C.S. Clinics

Vacation Church School Clinics sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches will be held in every area of Kansas March 11-21. These offer won-

derful training for leaders of local VCS programs. Check the following schedule for the one nearest you and encourage attendance by your leaders.

|            |                |                                    |
|------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Mar. 11    | Scott City     | Christian                          |
| Mar. 12    | Garden City    | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 13    | Liberal        | Presbyterian                       |
| Mar. 14    | Dodge City     | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 11    | Hoxie          | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 12    | Goodland       | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 13    | Atwood         | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 14    | Phillipsburg   | Christian                          |
| Mar. 11    | Holton         | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 12    | Hiawatha       | Presbyterian                       |
| Mar. 13    | Kansas City    | 1st Presbyterian                   |
| Mar. 14    | Johnson County | United Presbyterian Village Church |
| Mar. 11    | Wellington     | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 12    | Winfield       | Christian                          |
| Mar. 13    | El Dorado      | E.U.B.                             |
| Mar. 14    | Newton         | College Mennonite                  |
| Mar. 18-19 | Hutchinson     | United Presbyterian                |
| Mar. 20    | Pratt          | Christian                          |
| Mar. 21    | Harper         | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 18    | Ottawa         | 1st Methodist                      |
| Mar. 19    | Iola           | Presbyterian                       |
| Mar. 20    | Independence   | 1st Methodist                      |
| Mar. 21    | Columbus       | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 18    | Emporia        | Christian                          |
| Mar. 19    | Manhattan      | 1st Presbyterian                   |
| Mar. 20-21 | Topeka         | Seabrook Congregational            |
| Mar. 18    | Hays           | Baptist                            |
| Mar. 19    | Ness City      | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 20    | Great Bend     | Presbyterian                       |
| Mar. 21    | Great Bend     | Presbyterian                       |
| Mar. 18    | Clay Center    | Presbyterian                       |
| Mar. 19    | Concordia      | Methodist                          |
| Mar. 20    | Osborne        | Federated                          |
| Mar. 21    | Salina         | E.U.B.                             |

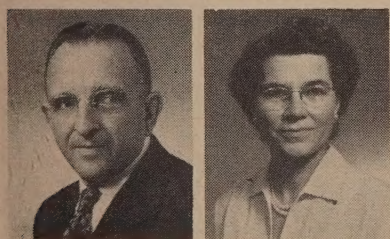
Mrs. Carl Georgeson, Chairman  
Conference Christian Education

## Know Your Missionaries

By Alice Huggins

Do you know our Kansas Congregational missionaries overseas? We plan to tell you a little about some of them in future issues of Congregational Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Platt have just returned from India where they worked with the Friends' Service Committee, and have joined the faculty of Bethel College. Dwight is a member of a family well-known in Congregational circles in Kansas. We have not checked on whether Mr. and Mrs. Platt are available to speak about India, but we suggest that churches in the Newton area might well invite them.



The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond E. White, pictured above, have recently returned from Turkey and have taken a Methodist Church at Florence. They have promised to speak in Congregational-Christian churches whenever it can be arranged, and have a large collection of very good slides illustrating their work. We suggest that invitations be sent directly to them at 207 West 5th St., Florence, Kansas.

Mr. White was born at Garfield and got his training at Kansas State, and later at Garrett Biblical Institute and Boston University. Mrs. White was born at Napoleao, Ohio, and was educated at the University of Washington.

Their first appointment to Turkey was as head of the agricultural depart-

ment of the International College at Izmir. Then after nine years in rural pastorates in USA they returned to Turkey to work in isolated village churches near the Syrian border.

With the Near East so prominent in the news, we are fortunate that the Whites can help us understand the people and conditions in that area.

We want to call your attention to the 1958 Calendar of Prayer. Yearly the American Board prepares this booklet to give as accurately as possible the names and addresses of our workers overseas, and to ask us to join in prayers on their behalf. We have a supply at the Conference office available for 30¢ each.

### Robert C. Waters To Towanda

The Rev. Robert C. Waters of Princeton, Missouri, has been called to the pastorate of the Towanda Church beginning his ministry there on the 15th of December. Robert is a graduate of Westminster College of Fulton, Missouri. In 1956 he attended Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City where he expects to complete his work. However, he will give full time to the work in the Towanda parish for a year before re-enrolling in the seminary.

We are glad to welcome Bob and his wife Billie Jean as co-workers in the state. The Waters household is blessed with three fine youngsters, Robert Craig, 10, Cheri Lynn, 7 and Jennifer Sue, 5 years of age. Towanda Church, realizing that the present parsonage is quite inadequate to house this lively family, plans to sell and build a more adequate house on the grounds near the church. The Towanda community has been growing the past few years and we confidently expect the church to show marked progress under the leadership of this fine young couple.

## For Ministers Only

Well,—if laymen and laywomen do read all of Congregational Kansas, I commend them, and would not exclude them from reading this. However, I have been asked to direct this brief message to the ministers.

"Our minister is always preaching about money, always wanting money for this or that, or he is complaining because his salary is not paid up to date." As you are aware, Jesus had more to say about our use of money and possessions than he did about any other one thing. We should never apologize for speaking of Christian giving and Christian Stewardship. But, we may need to apologize for the haphazard way in which we have done it.

People these days are using the latest and best scientific methods for feeding their cattle, their hogs and chickens. One of the important things that they have learned is that to produce the best beef, the best pork, and the best in egg or poultry products is to feed A BALANCED RATION. How many Stewardship Sermons did you preach last year? When did you preach them? Were the sermons directed to the immediacy of the Every Member Canvass? Or were the members of your "flock" made to feel thru the year that an important part of their Christian life and witness is bound up with their total concept of Stewardship of the time, abilities, and possessions God has intrusted to them! It is easy to make a steer weigh more before he is weighed for the slaughter, simply by giving him a good long drink of water, but it doesn't improve the quality of the meat. Just so, if you are able to preach a wonderful Sermon on Stewardship just before the pledge cards are signed in your Every Member Can-

vass, it may increase the amount of the pledges, but has the desired spiritual growth resulted? Are your people better Christians?

Every pastor has the problem of knowing just what he is to preach about each Sunday. There are many pressing questions about which we might preach, some of them may even be problems about which our people are concerned. But it seems that if we are to give our congregations a balanced spiritual diet, there must be some careful measuring and planning. Partially for this reason, I have tried for several years to plan my preaching schedule for the Morning Service for a year at a time. In doing this I have found it helpful to ask myself, what areas of Christian Stewardship should be presented to the congregation over the period of the year, and how often should there be a Stewardship Sermon. In trying to balance the emphasis of my preaching, I have decided that I should preach some type of Stewardship message not less than four times each year. I do not announce them to the congregation as Stewardship Sermons, but the topics do coincide with the particular area of stewardship which I hope to emphasize. It may be that one sermon will deal with the Stewardship of the Soil; another may confront the listener with the fact that our Conception of Christian Stewardship must have a definite bearing upon the means of acquiring our money; another may deal with the use of the 24 hours a day which God has given to both rich and poor; another may deal with the contribution of our talents and abilities to the actual program of the church; and of course, one would be concerned with the proportionate giving of our financial means to forward the ongoing work of God's church.

It is my conviction that the general failure of ministers and layman alike to attain to a high concept and practice of Christian Stewardship is due to our failure to carefully teach our people the rich rewards of Christian Stewardship in all areas of our lives. Unless the lives of our members are enriched by their giving, generous though it may be, we have allowed them to become spiritual paupers.

If you are not preaching Stewardship Sermons regularly, may I urge you to give such practice serious consideration for 1958? According to the old adage, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." However, if you feed him the right feed, he will become thirsty, and of his own will he will go to the tank and drink. It is also true that a balanced spiritual diet for your people, will lead them to the joys of Christian Stewardship and Christian Motivation, and they will give out of hearts overflowing with gratitude to their God.

—Samuel Lee, Minister  
Osborne United Church

#### Orville Hepler To South Dakota

The Rev. Orville Hepler, who has been Assistant Superintendent since April 15, 1955 has resigned to become the Executive Secretary of the South Dakota Council of Churches, beginning January 15. The headquarters for the State Council are in Huron.

During the two years Orville has been with us in conference work, he has had responsibilities in Stewardship, Church Extension, Audio Visuals, Christian Education, Family and Youth Camps. His work has been greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Hepler has been active in the Women's Fellowship, serving as Missionary Education Secretary. She has also taught in Central Congregational

Church School.

The Heplers are natives of South Dakota and look forward to the return to their native state as a real Homecoming. All Kansas friends join in wishing them well in their new work. Orville, in submitting his resignation to the members of the board states:

"My period of service to the Conference has been a satisfying one to me in many ways and I shall follow the future developments of your expanding program with keen interest and deep concern."

We would express a like concern in the progress anticipated in the State Council Work at Huron, trusting that the sharing of executive responsibilities in Kansas may have fitted him well for this co-operative protestant work.

#### Hiawatha Disbands

The Hiawatha Congregational Church, organized in 1868 voted to disband on November 19. The church had been inactive for more than a year. A year ago a committee was named to meet with the consistory of the local E&R Church to consider the possibility of merging the two churches. Altho the merger failed to materialize, a goodly number of the Congregational Church members will transfer into the E&R Church and continue to keep fellowship in the United Church of Christ.

By unanimous vote all assets real and personal were voted to the Kansas Congregational Conference. When the parsonage and church properties are disposed of, the grant to the Building Society will be paid and the balance of the funds added to the Conference Endowment Fund for Church Extension in Kansas. As a Conference, we express appreciation to the Hiawatha members for the faith expressed in this vote.

# Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

## Heartwarmers

The New Year will still be small when you read this and I ask you to stop a moment and consider the time, the energy, the money that will be released to the world thru you, during 1958. You are virtually a power house and you will decide, for the most part, whether the living of these days will be filled with love or indifference. Each of us is tremendously important in the sight of God; let us use our influence for Him who gave us 1958.

These things warmed my heart during the past two months:

... the notes received from ministers, telling their plans for National Women's Fellowship Sunday. Thanks for cooperating.

... the invitation from Rev. Rex Kelly to speak at Tonganoxie at the morning worship on November 3, National Women's Fellowship Sunday. Women of the church conducted the entire service and it was beautifully done.

... the request from my own minister, Rev. Wilbert Dull, to speak the following Sunday at Seaman. Why is it so especially heartwarming when you are wanted by your own?

... the share I had in the State P. F. rally at Topeka Central. This was my first opportunity to see our senior PF in action; our church is in good hands—these kids are smart, and serious about their church.

... the ride to St. Louis with Hortense Gibson and Leona Garrison in Elizabeth Gunn's car where we attended the quadrennial sessions of the E&R Women's Guild. There were 700 delegates present and 86 CC women. Mary Ely Lyman gave us much to ponder

each morning as she led the devotional period. Our own Lillian Gregory gave the communion sermon in the cathedral near our headquarters.

... the visit of Marjory Martin, National Executive Secretary for Friendly Service, the latter part of November. Our State Secretary, Myra Crippen, arranged the Topeka meeting and two of our Association chairmen were able to attend, Ella Mary Yoe of Lawrence and Phyllis White of Kinsley; also women from Topeka First, Seabrook, Central and Seaman.

... the last Kansas trip for 1957 which was made extra happy because Alice Huggins and I were partners as we visited Lenora and Almena. At both places Alice spoke to the children of the churches; at Lenora I met with the women before dinner and in the evening we both talked. At Almena the meeting was at noon. We stayed overnight at Carl and Etta Lou George-son's. The next morning, Shirley Becker had a fine breakfast for us. It was a great pleasure to visit both churches and those of you who know Alice, know what a fine time I had going to and from Western Kansas. That gal is a real trooper.

... the December 16-17 visit to Chicago to help plan programs for next year's Midwest Regional and the one day pre-session Women's Fellowship meeting. Both programs should be excellent, so put a ring around October 13-16, 1958 and plan to attend.

... the many beautiful Christmas cards pictures, notes and letters from many of you. We thank you for these and all the kind and encouraging things done for us these past years.

—Vera Lancaster

## The Kansas Room

The Southern Union College at Wadley, Alabama is the youngest of our Congregational Christian Colleges in America. It is a two year coeducational college; The students, for the most part, boys and girls from farm and mountain homes, work for their education. The increased enrollment has made necessary the first new building since 1928. It is Pilgrim Hall, a new dormitory for girls.

Our Kansas women decided to furnish one of the rooms in this dormitory as a memorial to Mrs. Lydia Isely Wellman, a Kansas woman whose home was at Wichita. She lived a life of service; serving as a missionary in Africa, Field Secretary with the Kansas Women's Board; with our National Boards, then became Dean of Women at the Southern Union College and was a member of the Board of Trustees there at the time of her death in 1948.

The cost of furnishing this room is \$200.00 and the Women's Fellowships which have had a part in doing this are:

Wichita Plymouth—\$50.00; Wichita Fairmount—\$20.00; Smith Center—\$5.00; Osborne—\$25.00; Athol—\$5.00; Lenora—\$5.00; Ellis—\$5.00; KC Rose-dale—\$5.00; Towanda—\$1.00; Seneca—\$5.00; Topeka Seabrook—\$5.00; Manhattan—\$10.00; Eureka—\$5.00; Onaga—\$5.00; Breat Bend—\$25.00; Anthony—\$10.00; Downs—\$10.00; Topeka Seaman—\$10.00; Sedgwick—\$5.00; Independence—\$5.00; Lawrence Plymouth—\$10.00; Garfield—\$2.00; Russell—\$15.00; Carbondale—\$5.00; Topeka First—\$25.00; KC First Pilgrim—\$10.00; KC Welborn—\$25.00; Sabetha—\$5.00; Topeka Central—\$15.00.

**TOTAL—\$328.00**



Southern Union College - Typical Room

### "Drop A Pebble In The Water"

Drop a pebble in the water; just a splash, and it is gone;

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to the sea.

And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

These words from the poem by James W. Foley are beautifully descriptive of the lives whose names we place on our Memorial Fund Honor Roll. Their loving and kindly deeds have been dropped into the water of life, and the resulting ripples have spread on and on, influencing many. It is our privilege to pay tribute to these women by remembering "their little pebbles dropped into the water" and by perpetuating their influence through our love gifts.

In February, our Women's Fellowships all over the state, will honor their members who have passed away this past year, not only with loving memorial services, but with dedicated love offerings. These memorial gifts are invested and the income is used toward the on going work of the State Women's Fellowship.

The names of 41 women have been placed on the Honor Roll this year, to

## In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. E. C. Brown  
Mrs. Richard V. Ware  
Miss Lulu B. Brown  
Mrs. George Droll  
**By Wichita Plymouth**

Mrs. John Conrad  
Mrs. H. A. Dunn  
**By Ottawa Plymouth Circle**

date, and \$190.28 has been given in memoriam.

The Rosemary Book, which is composed of the names of those women whose deaths were prior to 1935, now has 68 names.

It is a privilege and a joy to serve you in the capacity of Memorial Fund Secretary, and the accompanying notes concerning the dedicated lives who have passed on into a larger life, are inspirational indeed.

Mrs. Wm. Ehlers (Marilyn)  
Memorial Fund Secretary  
4308 Lloyd, Kansas City 3, Ks.

### Helps Available

About 50 Place Mats, napkins, small churches and one large church on the Home Theme, "The Church and Race" are available for a luncheon or dinner. Also 50 Woman's gift place mats. Write the Conference Office.

### Has Your Church Grown This Year?

One of the important questions that

every member of every church should ask about this season is Has my church grown this year?

When Jesus sent out his disciples and the seventy he seemed to expect results from their labors, and was delighted when they reported good success. When he first spoke to them about the church he said that he would build it, that they would help, and that it would succeed. It is logical to believe that the Good Master is awaiting our report about the success of our church the year just past and the New Year just beginning.

Successful church work is a bit difficult to determine accurately. But one very definite and easy indication is the number of members added each year. If there are no more members this year than last, in what respect has the church grown, and why did it not gain members? Is it the kind of church that no one wants to be part of? Is there no magnetism about the love manifested? Has anyone made an effort to locate non-church people and give them the Good News?

If people do not unite with the church, it is easy to say things like: Everybody in our community goes to church; the minister did not work at his job, so we must get a new minister. It could happen that these are real answers, but before such answers are accepted inquiry should be made about the teaching in the Sunday School, the work the deacons have done, the activities of the committees, the kind of program being undertaken by the church, the welcome strangers receive when they do go to church, what has been done to discover new prospects?

Church growth depends largely upon its members.

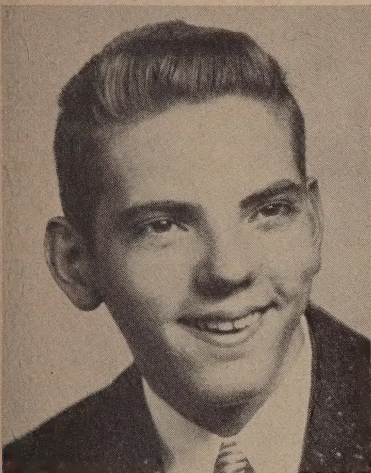
# Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Kent Thompson, President

Polly Pierson, Secretary

## Work Day For Christ Receipts

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Athol             | \$ 30.00 |
| Ford              | 11.00    |
| Garden City       | 62.25    |
| Gaylord           | 32.77    |
| Great Bend        | 34.58    |
| KC Rosedale       | 19.50    |
| KC Ruby           | 50.00    |
| KC Welborn        | 43.65    |
| Kinsley           | 9.00     |
| Kiowa             | 29.00    |
| Lawrence Plymouth | 153.10   |
| Lenora            | 33.20    |
| Little River      | 17.36    |
| Maize             | 13.00    |
| Prairie Village   | 30.00    |
| Russell           | 42.00    |
| Sabetha           | 45.00    |
| Seneca            | 20.00    |
| Topeka Central    | 71.00    |
| Topeka First      | 90.06    |
| Topeka Seabrook   | 45.00    |
| Whitewater        | 130.35   |
| Wichita Fairmount | 30.00    |
| Wichita Plymouth  | 47.00    |



Gerry Adkins  
Faith Commission Chairman

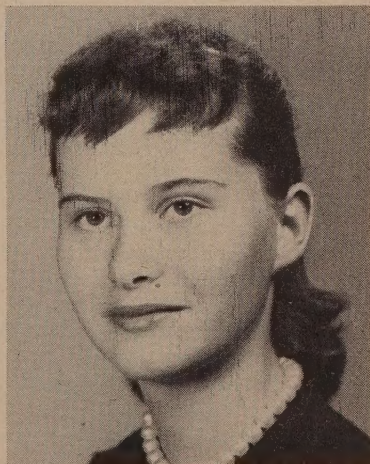
## OBSERVE

YOUTH WEEK

January 26 - February 2



Anne Heide, Southern Assoc. Secretary



Anne Dedrick, Action Commission Chm.

The Charles Holbrook Library  
Pacific School of Religion  
1708 Scenic Ave.  
Berkeley 9, Calif.

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**Plevna-Kirwin Exchange**

At the annual meeting of the Plevna Congregational Church a year ago, a process of consultation with the Methodists began. This has resulted in an exchange involving the Methodist-Congregational Federated Church at Kirwin. A committee of five members named by the Plevna Congregational Church worked in cooperation with a like committee of Plevna Methodists. As a result the 60 Methodists at Plevna agreed to join the Congregational Church, providing the name of the church be changed to The Plevna Community Church. Affiliation of the church it was agreed, should remain with the Southern Association of Congregational Churches. The Methodist Conference offered to turn their properties to the Community Church, provided an exchange could be effected.

The Kirwin Congregational Church group, meeting with the State Superintendent, December 15, voted their parsonage property and the residue moneys to the local Kirwin Methodist Church. Membership in block was voted to the Methodist Church giving the privilege of transfer of membership to those of other preference. The Federation was then dissolved and the Congregational church at Kirwin disbanded.

The Rev. H. L. Siders, serving the Federated Church at Kirwin, will continue as the Methodist appointment. The Plevna Community Church has called the Rev. Jack Coats of the Medora Community Church to be resident minister. He moved with his family to Plevna, January 5th, starting his ministry there February 1st. Rev. Rex Kelley, now at Tonganoxie, was the minister at Plevna at the time the idea of merging church forces was first initiated.

**Buck Hill Falls  
Mid-Winter Meetings**

A number of our Kansas leaders will take part in meetings centered at The Inn at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, late in January. Mrs. Gordon Lancaster and Mrs. Roscoe Graves will attend Women's Fellowship sessions. Supt. Rymph will cover meetings on Christian Education and the Superintendent's sessions. Mr. E. S. Bagley, Stewardship Chairman, will attend meetings of the National Committee on O.C.W.M. and Mr. Orval Reeve will attend sessions of the Prudential Committee of the American Board. All will attend the general sessions of the Missions Council on the total fellowship program.